

## SECRETS OF BOOTLEG TRAFFIC UNEARTHED

R. A. Day, New State Director, Acquires Inside Facts of Operations.

### SHAKEUP IS EXPECTED

Brooklyn Agents Neglect Enforcement, View of Dry Official.

### LUNCH ROOM RAIDED

Proprietors in Neighborhood Gather to 'Spot' Revenue Agents on Duty.

Ralph A. Day, the new State prohibition director, it was learned yesterday, passed the weeks which elapsed between his appointment and his assumption of office on Thursday, browsing along the inside track of New York's liquor situation.

When Mr. Day's appointment was announced it was said that he would not take office for some time because he would have to give his own business affairs most of his attention before he could transfer his activities to the Government post. That was in a measure true; but he managed to reserve a considerable part of his time for acquiring inside knowledge of the byways of bootlegging and the methods of operation employed by enforcement agents.

His investigations led him into surveys of the situation not only in Manhattan, but in Brooklyn and Queens as well. Recently some of those who engaged in violations of the Volstead act, and also some of those who are entrusted with its prosecution, have learned of Mr. Day's activities, and there is no small amount of apprehension among them as to how much the new director really knows. They had been preparing for a less troublesome period when Acting Director Yellowley should report back to Washington, banking on the fact that the new director is inexperienced in revenue work. Just now, however, they are better informed than they are doing some fast thinking.

It is known that Mr. Day is not satisfied with the status of enforcement in Brooklyn, where, during the last month, out of thirty-six arrests made twenty-five were made by one agent, Samuel Weissenberg. When Mr. Day was questioned yesterday concerning an expected shakeup in Brooklyn, he replied that he had nothing to say about the situation there at present, but would make an announcement with respect to it on Monday.

Agent Herman Wittenberg, whose resignation was accepted Thursday, is understood to have gone to Washington to consult Wayne R. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, in connection with the cases of the agents who were discharged the same day. Wittenberg is said to have declared that he would have something to say about the dismissals. A despatch from Washington last night stated that Mr. Wheeler was unable to explain why he should be represented as a "sponsor." Concerning the dismissals made by Mr. Day, he expressed the opinion that reasons other than political were involved.

According to agents who raided a lunch room and cafe at 1213 Third avenue yesterday, all the saloon and restaurant proprietors in the vicinity came in to look them over when it was learned that a raid had been made. One of the visitors was heard to mutter, "I'll know that bird, anyway, when I see him again."

Agents Barry, Mannix and Epstein, who made the raid, used a search warrant, arresting Eugene Wendel, bartender, and leaving a summons for William Heller, the proprietor. They seized several bottles of whiskey, and took Wendel to the East Sixty-seventh street station, where he was locked up on a charge of selling.

Jacob Jacobson of 82 Lincoln park, Newark, offered \$2,500 reward yesterday for the recovery of \$10,000 worth of liquor which was stolen from his home early yesterday morning. There is a burglar alarm in Jacobson's house, but for some unexplained reason it was not connected Thursday night, and the door leading to the garden, which is customarily locked at night, was left open. The lock on the outer door leading to the cellar had been forced. The police are of the opinion that it was an inside job. Servants in the house denied any knowledge of the robbery. The liquor was private stock.

## What's in a Name? Here's the Answer

MRS. ISABELLE GOODWIN, the only woman on the New York police force to hold the rank of detective, first grade, was married several weeks ago to Oscar A. Seaholm, as told in The New York Herald last Monday. This is the way it was announced to the department yesterday in the daily bulletin issued from the office of the Police Commissioner: "CHANGE IN NAME. "Acting Detective Sergeant, First Grade. "Isabelle Goodwin, Shield No. 279, Detective Division, has changed her social condition and is now known as Isabelle Seaholm, to take effect October 27, 1921. The records of the Police Department of the City of New York will be changed accordingly."

## 17 GOVERNORS LAUD DRY LAW RESULTS

Miller, However, Sends Different Message to Anti-Saloon League Workers.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.

Sweeping endorsement of the results of national prohibition was credited to seventeen Governors of States in statements attributed to them by E. Shumaker, who addressed the annual convention of Anti-Saloon League workers here today. Gov. Miller of New York was the only Governor quoted whose statement failed to place him on record as endorsing the results of prohibition. Gov. Miller wrote to Mr. Shumaker: "It would be very difficult at this time to make a statement which would be of use to you."

Among the Governors whose statements showed complete or partial endorsement of the effect of prohibition were Campbell (Ariz.), McRee (Ark.), Shoup (Col.), Davis (Idaho), Kendall (Iowa), Allen (Kan.), Baxter (Me.), Groesbeck (Mich.), Preuss (Minn.), Russell (Miss.), Hyde (Mo.), Brown (N. H.), McKelvie (Neb.), Boyle (Nev.), Mabey (Utah), Morgan (W. Va.), Carey (Wyo.), McKay (Ind.) and Stephens (Cal.).

Mr. Shumaker, superintendent of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League, quoted heads of jails, judges, magazine writers and others in an effort to show that prohibition improved the nation's economic welfare, increased family savings, brought new banks into being, halved crime, depopulated prisons and reformatories, created employment and was the main factor in decreasing infant mortality.

The number of persons who practise the drinking of alcoholic beverages has decreased 85 per cent. under the Volstead law, Mr. Shumaker declared, quoting a magazine writer who, he said, made an extensive investigation in all sections of the United States. The amount of liquor consumed has been decreased 95 per cent., according to the same investigation. Mr. Shumaker offered figures showing that the arrests for drunkenness between 1916 and 1921 were reduced 52 per cent. in Boston, 51 per cent. throughout Massachusetts, 91 per cent. in Wilmington, Del.

"As one result of prohibition," said Mr. Shumaker, "thirty-four workhouses in the United States have been closed and more will unquestionably close when this nation reaches a normal condition." "On September 30 over one-half of Indiana's jails were empty. This is a condition that never obtained when the State was wet."

Mr. Shumaker also presented reports to show that drink cure sanitariums are being closed in many States because of a lack of business.

## RECALLS 4 HUSBANDS BUT FORGETS OTHERS

Woman Drew \$400 a Month Allowance, Is Charge.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Helen Ferguson Drexler of Waukegan, Ill., daughter of a Brooklyn family, who admits she is "out on soldiers and sailors, but don't like marines," is in a cell at the county jail trying to recall the names of eleven of her fifteen husbands.

Equipped with one baby and a penchant for her husbands, the Government alleges Mrs. Drexler has collected as high as \$100 a month in soldiers' allotment checks from the Government for the last three years. The baby was listed as the child of each successive husband and drew an allotment too.

In 1917, she says, she married Wilfred Taylor, a soldier, and they had a son, now 3 years old. Next she married Paul Moler, a soldier; then Thomas Meehan, a sailor, at Great Lakes, and next Albert Drexler, a soldier at Camp Grant. Although she has retained Drexler's name, there have been at least eleven husbands since him, she estimates. She never obtained a divorce from any of them, she says.

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## BEAUVAIS PLANNING TO CAPITALIZE FAME

Projects Country Clubs Corporation and Writes Movie Scenarios.

### HAS A BIG LAND GRANT

Will Probably Be Witness in Stillman Hearing, but Refuses to Discuss Case.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Montreal, Dec. 2.—Fred K. Beauvais, the guide who was named as correspondent in the divorce suit brought by James A. Stillman against Mrs. Anne Urquhart Foster Stillman, probably will take the witness stand when the special commission to hear testimony convenes here next month, and will deny the allegations of the banker, both as they relate to Mrs. Stillman and to the paternity of the child. For the present Beauvais is refusing to talk about any angle of the suit.

"I am playing a silent game," he said; "I do not want to be caught in any trap." Beauvais said that when the suit has ended he will launch a scheme which includes the organizing of country clubs, principally for dry Americans who want to get into northern Quebec. He said that he had already obtained the grant of 700 square miles of territory from the Canadian Government, but that he would not begin his work until the Stillman case has been disposed of. His project has been incorporated under the name of Resort and Country Clubs, Ltd.

The former guide recently returned from northern Quebec, and said that he found the people of Grande Anse and the north country, where the banker alleges the intimacy between Mrs. Stillman and Beauvais originated, ready and willing to take the stand and tell of happenings at White Farm, the Stillman lodge during the summer from 1916 to 1919.

"Stillman better not show his face in Grande Anse," said Beauvais. "There are only a few people there but they have heard of the case. So it would not do for him to show his face there."

Beauvais talked for some time today with reporters in the rooms of the Old Colony Club, in the Windsor Hotel, and said he refused to talk about the suit except to declare that the charges against Mrs. Stillman were false, he talked freely about himself and his aims for the future.

It seems that in addition to his resort and country club scheme Beauvais has ideas for capitalizing his fame in a literary way. He has become very much interested in literature and has begun to write a volume of fishing and hunting stories and motion picture scenarios which he says will depict the "true life of the north." He believes, however, that the resorts and country clubs project will be the big money maker.

The former guide was particularly anxious that the reporters should understand that he was not the typical woodsman and guide of the fiction world, but that on the contrary he is an intelligent man, fairly well educated and very ambitious.

John F. Brennan and John E. Mack, attorneys for Mrs. Stillman and her son, have been busy yesterday with witnesses who are to be called before the special commission. They spent most of the day discussing various phases of the case with the Montreal lawyer who has been retained to conduct the Canadian end of the defence.

## RIVERHEAD LAD OF 16 TAKES A BRIDE, AGED 17

Husband Foregoes Annapolis, Wife a Training Course.

S. Forrest Preston of Riverhead, L. I., learned yesterday that his seventeen year old daughter Emily was married on last October 15 to Frederick Maxwell, 16 years old, the son of Mrs. Anna Maxwell, formerly a teacher of music in the Riverhead High School. Mr. Preston would not discuss the marriage. It is understood that the young couple will live in St. Petersburg, Fla. Young Maxwell gave up an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, while his bride abandoned a course of training in the Lenox Hill Hospital, in New York city.

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## FIVE ARMED BANDITS HOLD UP 9 IN CAFE

Proprietor and Patrons Backed Into Rear Room and Relieved of \$1,000.

### ESCAPE IN SPEED CAR

Stranger Walks Off With \$20,000 in Diamonds With Owner Near By—Other Robberies.

Five armed men entered the cafe of Richard Krothers, 401 East 164th street, at Melrose avenue, The Bronx, last night, and backing the proprietor and nine patrons into a rear room, robbed them of \$1,000 in cash and jewelry. The bandits escaped in a big green touring automobile, which started off at high speed northward in Melrose avenue. No one noticed the car's number.

The holdup was accomplished with dispatch, but with politeness. The five men spread out along the bar and the leader, drawing his revolver suddenly, shouted:

"Gentlemen, we are here for business! Hands up!"

Krothers and his customers complied. Krothers was the first man robbed, the bandit leader keeping a revolver close to his victim's stomach while seizing his wallet containing \$75 and a \$250 ring.

Eight of the other victims had all their money and jewelry taken, but the ninth dropped his wallet behind a window curtain. Fred Boese of 286 East 164th street lost a gold watch and \$35 and Charles Burr of 401 East 154th street a gold watch and some cash. The others pinned against the wall gave up various sums.

The bandit who held up Krothers also took \$2 from the cash register. Then he stood guard while his four assistants left the rear room and dashed for the automobile. The leader pushed the door, said "good night" and threatened to shoot any one who followed. Then he ran through the door and gained the running board of the automobile as it dashed away.

**Gets \$2,000 Diamonds.**  
A young man whose identity or present whereabouts the police have been unable to learn stole \$2,000 in unset diamonds from an open safe in the offices of C. G. Malliet & Co., wholesale diamond brokers, on the sixth floor of 11 Madison avenue, while Mr. Malliet sat at a desk in the same room with the young man and the safe.

The young man, who represented himself to be a printing solicitor, called at the office two weeks ago. Miss Josephine Delamater, secretary and treasurer of the firm, took him into Mr. Malliet's office and went to get a sample envelope.

Mr. Malliet gave a casual glance at the man and went on with his work. But presently impatient, the young man rose and walked toward the door, beside which was the safe. When Miss Delamater returned he said curtly that he had another appointment and could not talk printing with her further. He went out. The unset diamonds were in two pouches on a lower shelf of the safe. The loss was not discovered until after luncheon.

Frank Johnson, a watchman at the old Sheephead Bay race track, fired two shots from a shotgun yesterday morning at two men he suspected of attempting to break into the office of the Speedway Park Corporation, Ocean and Jerome avenues, Brooklyn. The men escaped. They were not hit. This was the second attempt to rob the office since Monday.

Reports of other operations in the Sheephead Bay district came to light yesterday. It was learned that St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, East Fourteenth street and Shore road, was entered Monday night through a rear door, but nothing was stolen, the Rev. Daniel J. McCarthy, the rector, having placed the altar and communion service in a safe.

**Caught After Chase.**  
The home of Carl Lorenz, in Shore road, was of jewelry valued at \$3,500. Several stores in the vicinity were entered and small robberies committed.

Adeline McMaisters of 548½ Hudson street notified her mother yesterday afternoon that four strange men had entered the house and that she had seen them go to the third floor. Mrs. Mc-

Masters telephoned to the Charles street station. Detectives Devine and Cayone arrived in an automobile just as the men were leaving the house laden with clothing.

A chase started which led to the capture at Perry street and Greenwich avenue, two blocks from Jefferson Market court, of a man who said he was Alfred Furey of 32 James street. He was held on \$1,000 bail.

The loss of jewelry valued at \$7,500 by Abraham Kandel, silk manufacturer of 17 West Twenty-eighth street, which Mr. Kandel believes a pickpocket took from him on a Broadway elevated train in Brooklyn last Friday, was reported yesterday. He said he had taken the jewelry from a vault in the Fifth Avenue National Bank.

The theft of clothing and jewelry valued at \$1,500 from Columbus O. Anderson, a dry goods merchant of Boise, Idaho, from his rooms in the Hotel Pennsylvania on Thanksgiving evening, became known yesterday with the arrest of John McCarthy of 227 West Twenty-second street on a charge of burglary. Detectives McAuliffe, Conney and Moore of the West Forty-seventh street station charged McCarthy with acting as a lookout. Mr. Anderson said that he and his wife went out about 6 o'clock and returned at 8, discovering the theft on their return. Entrance was gained by a duplicate key.

**SCIENCE CHURCH SUIT COMPLAINT ATTACKED**  
Part of Mrs. Stetson's Statement Ordered Deleted.

The justice and jury who ultimately try the suit begun in the Supreme Court in October by Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson against the trustees of the First Christian Science Church, had their work anticipated and considerably simplified yesterday when Justice Mulligan granted a motion of the defendants to strike from Mrs. Stetson's complaint matter alleged to be irrelevant to any issue in case, giving a long history of her contention with the church and her dealings with the trustees.

The complaint charges that a fence which has been put between the church and her home is an encroachment, and asks that the trustees be restrained from making it any higher. In ruling that this cause of action be made definite and certain, and that all matter extraneous thereto be excised and deleted, Justice Mulligan said:

"A proper statement of plaintiffs' claims, confined to terms of ultimate fact, could probably be made within the space of a few sentences. Instead, the complaint has interlarded with it all sorts of irrelevant, evidentiary and immaterial allegations, making the pleading a fearsome and monstrous thing, and the thought of answering which any defendant might well be agast."

**EX-NAVY OFFICER'S BAIL \$10,000 IN HOLDUP CASE**

Charles B. Richter, formerly a lieutenant in the United States Navy, is awaiting action by the Grand Jury on a charge that he was the man who recently held up six members of the Newport Association in the Park Row Building. At a hearing Wednesday before Magistrate Hattin in Tombs Court Richter was held in \$10,000 bail.

According to Detective John Kema, Albert Menzies, one of the players, said Richter pointed a revolver at him, and under a threat that he would shoot obtained from him his victim's money. Richter, who pleaded not guilty, lives at 60 West 179th street.

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## OIL POOL IS CHARGED BY U. S. TRADE BOARD

Agreement to Maintain Prices in California Alleged by Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Members of the Independent Petroleum Marketers Association were charged by the Federal Trade Commission today with having agreed among themselves to maintain the prices and selling practices established in the State of California by the Standard Oil Company of California.

The charges of the commission were contained in the second section of its report to the Senate on price and competitive conditions in the California oil industry.

The commission in its letter of submission declared that Los Angeles officials of the Standard Oil Company were notified "promptly" by a member of the Marketers Association of understandings and agreements relative to price maintenance within that association, "thereby placing the standard in a better position to know when a new price advance would be followed."

The commission also asserted that records since 1915 disclose that the Standard's prices in California have been followed generally by all members of the Marketers Association. It declared that the association had prepared a list of peddlers and other retailers who refused to sell at the agreed prices and held the distributors responsible, so that this class of trade would not receive supplies until the retailers maintained the "list prices."

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2.—H. H. Maxson, secretary and manager of the Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of California, expressed surprise today when informed that the Federal Trade Commission had charged the association with having agreed to maintain the prices and selling practices of the Standard Oil Company of California. Mr. Maxson said he was certain the association never notified the Standard company "promptly" or any other way about understandings or agreements within the association on price and marketing questions.

**FORD AND EDISON LEAVE FOR ALABAMA**  
Will Inspect Government Plant at Muscle Shoals.

DETROIT, Dec. 2 (Associated Press).—Thomas A. Edison and Henry Ford left here at noon today for Muscle Shoals, Ala., where they will make an inspection of the nitrate and waterpower projects which the Detroit manufacturer offers to lease from the Government.

The party, which included besides Mr. Ford and Mr. Edison engineers connected with the Ford organization, left in Mr. Ford's private car, the Fair Lane, which will be routed part way over the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton Railroad, recently acquired by Mr. Ford. Although hundreds of invitations were received from Chambers of Commerce and other civic bodies along the route, no stops are to be made, it was stated. The party is expected to arrive at Muscle Shoals some time tomorrow.

A published report that Mr. Edison was indisposed upon his arrival here yesterday was denied at Mr. Ford's Dearborn office.

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